

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY KITCHENS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies have set up Community Kitchens in various parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such community kitchens set up during the last three years and the current year and the number of rural families expected to avail this facility under the scheme;
- (c) whether it is proposed to set up more such community kitchens in other parts of the country particularly in the rural areas in Tamil Nadu in the coming years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) have reported that the Community kitchen scheme was evolved to enable people from lower income group who cannot afford individual connections to use LPG. Under this scheme, the OMCs were required to provide LPG cylinders and burners at a place identified in consultation with the local community head/ Panchayat. OMCs set up 2068 community kitchens all over the Country, including 73 in the State of Tamil Nadu. The scheme was discontinued beyond 2009-10 due to poor response.